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LETTER DATED 30 OCTOBER 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CROATIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter dated 30 October 1995 from the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Croatia Dr. Mate Granic, addressed to you (see annex).

I would kindly request your assistance in circulating the present letter and its annex as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mario NOBILO
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Annex

Letter dated 30 October 1995 from the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Croatia addressed to the President of the Security Council

It is with the utmost concern and indignation that I inform you of yet another unprovoked attack on the part of the Bosnian Serbs against the Dubrovnik area of Croatia. The general alert for the city and its surroundings was in force from 1205 to 1340 hours, on 29 October 1995. Fortunately, no human casualties were sustained. The United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia (UNCRO) and ECMM were immediately informed of the incident and protests were lodged with each.

The attack, which was directed exclusively against civilian targets throughout the entire region of Dubrovnik, from the village of Slano to Prevlaka, is all the more disturbing because it occurred at a time when the Bosnian Serb military commander in Trebinje was aware that elections were being held in Croatia and that a great many civilians would be out in the open, leaving no doubt as to its terrorist nature. I would like to emphasize that the Republic of Croatia regards attacks such as these as acts of aggression. As in previous attacks launched by the Bosnian Serbs against sovereign Croatian territory, there is and can be no justification for premeditated attacks against civilians, which can only be regarded as a crime against humanity.

Considering that the peace process has just entered a new and crucial phase with the negotiations in Dayton, Ohio, the Croatian Army showed the utmost restraint and did not react to this aggressive act. However, I must state that further attacks like these will not be tolerated and that the Republic of Croatia reserves the right to respond adequately should they continue.

(Signed) Mate GRANIC